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1. WE APPRECIATE POSITIVE RESPONSE OF ALLIES TO OUR PRO-
POSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ISSUES RAISED IN SECRETARY'S
SEPTEMBER 19 STATEMENT TO SFRC.

2. SINCE SECRETARY'S SFRC PRESENTATION REPRESENTS MAJOR
STATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON DETENTE, WE NOW LOOK TO ALLIES TO
PRESENT THEIR THINKING ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE
SECRETARY. THUS, FOR TIME BEING, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD
MAINLY LISTEN TO THOUGHTS OF ALLIES, LETTING THEM TAKE THE
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LEAD IN DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. AT OCTOBER 7 SPC MEETING, YOU SHOULD ACCORDINGLY WELCOME
UK EXPOSITION ON SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN DETENTE. YOU SHOULD
REFRAIN, HOWEVER, FROM PUTTING FORWARD US-SUGGESTED LIST
OF SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR ONGOING DISCUSSION.

4. FINALLY, PENDING RESULTS OF INITIAL ALLIED DISCUSSION,

WE WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE A POSITION WITH REGARD TO PREPAR-
ATION OF A STUDY FOR POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL REVIEW. KISSINGER

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